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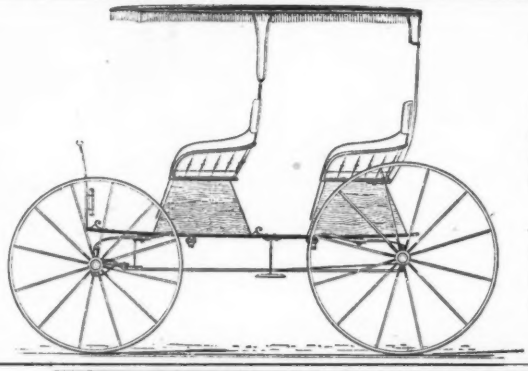

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A CHILD'S LESSON.

CHIL-DREN, SEE THE LIT-TLE BOY
PLAY-ING WITH THE LIT-TLE TOY.
CHIL-DREN, TELL ME IF YOU CAN,
WHEN THE LIT-TLE GAME BEGAN.
TELL ME IF THE BOY SHOULD STOP,
WHAT WILL HAP-PEN TO THE TOP?

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

"I SAY, Benny, I have an idea."

"Excuse me, Mr. Wanamaker, but a little more formality in addressing the President of the United States would not be amiss."

"You don't say! Well, you might as well climb down off that horse now as later. I sized you up when I bought my office, and, moreover, I don't propose being snubbed by the people I trade with. You heard me say I had an idea?"

"Certainly, certainly! What is it, Mr. Wanamaker?"

"You know I turned Mr. Pearson out of the New York Post Office?"

"Yes, I know you did; and all decent New Yorkers have despised us ever since."

"No impertinence! And I don't know as my appointments are much worse than yours."

"Mine? That's very unkind, Mr. Wanamaker, when you know very well I have no voice whatever in the higher appointments! But the office-seekers are waiting, and I must go down. Dear, dear, how tired my head is!"

THE editor is in his happiest vain when writing about his "unprecedented circulation."

FOUL PLAY—A cock-fight.

NOT THE RIGHT THING TO SAY.

Elderly Maiden (with capital, who has just accepted him): AND WILL YOU LOVE ME AS FONDLY AS YOU DO NOW WHEN I GROW OLD?

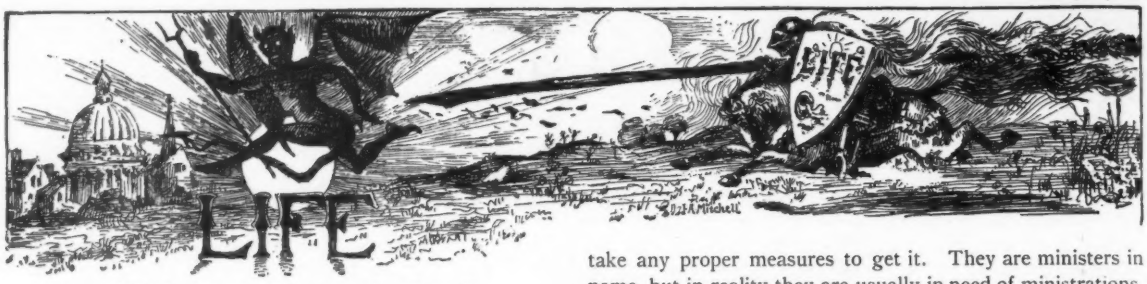
He (reproachfully): AH, MY PRECIOUS GIRL, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU CAN THINK MY PASSION SO SHORT-LIVED!

A MORE PRESSING DEBT.

"I OWE you an apology, old boy," said Giles.

"Never mind the apology," replied Merritt; "just let me have the V."

HUMAN NATURE.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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OUR brethren of the General Assembly, lately in session here, called attention to the shortage of Presbyterian ministers. There are not enough, they say, to go round, and "small and dependent churches" in particular are understood to be perishing for lack of them.

Inasmuch as we cannot believe that there is a general decay of piety among young men, if the Presbyterians do not get their share, it must be because of some particular defects in their system which make the ministry in their sect less attractive than it should be. For not only does the General Assembly's committee deplore the dearth of candidates, but it suggests—if it does not frankly admit—that the average quality of those it does attract is not so high as it could wish.

While LIFE is not prepared to admit that the general progress of Christianity and the consequent betterment of the world is acutely imperiled by this shortage of Presbyterian preachers, or that the world would be any the loser if the theology of Calvin should perish utterly out of it altogether, nevertheless there are so many names of just and useful men on the roll of Presbyterian divines that it is pained at the prospect of that roll's curtailment, and is glad to be able to suggest a remedy.

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WHAT the Assembly wants is men of good ability, who will work for six or eight hundred dollars a year among uninteresting people.

Now, we all know that the first thing a Presbyterian theological student does is to get married. He does not regard himself as thoroughly equipped for the Lord's work until he has a helpmate. Presently he has six children to clothe and educate, and is still living on seven hundred dollars a year. An opportunity offers to increase his powers of usefulness by going to a bigger church at a salary of one thousand dollars. Does he do it? Of course he does. If he is indifferent to money himself, for the sake of his family he must earn all he can honestly get. And so it comes that, looking at the body of Presbyterian ministers at large, we see a very large majority of them men with means inversely to the size of their families, in need of money, and willing to take any proper measures to get it. They are ministers in name, but in reality they are usually in need of ministrations.

This is not the sort of life that is attractive to aspiring young men. Self-abnegation—a life spent in the service of others—has, and will always have, powerful attractions for generous spirits; but sordid poverty and dependence—great obligations and a very limited ability to discharge them—those are not conditions that can be expected to attract even the best of men.

Therefore, if the General Assembly is not able to raise the pay of its poorer clergy to such a figure as will make them comfortable, the inevitable alternative would seem to be to reduce their expenses. By all odds the simplest way of doing that is to ordain only celibates. An unmarried man can deny himself till his bones come through, and live on nothing in particular a year, and board around and preach, and put in his time bettering his fellows, and if he has the root of the matter in him he will love the work. But to deny your wife good clothes, and to neglect your family, and see your children grow up half-fed perhaps, half-educated more likely, is a hill of beans of an entirely different blossom. The man who thinks last of himself is a hero, but the man who thinks last of his wife and children we are used to regard as a poor creature. A married man with a family is bound to have what he can get of the world's reasonable prizes. If the General Assembly wants self-abnegation, celibacy is its only hope.

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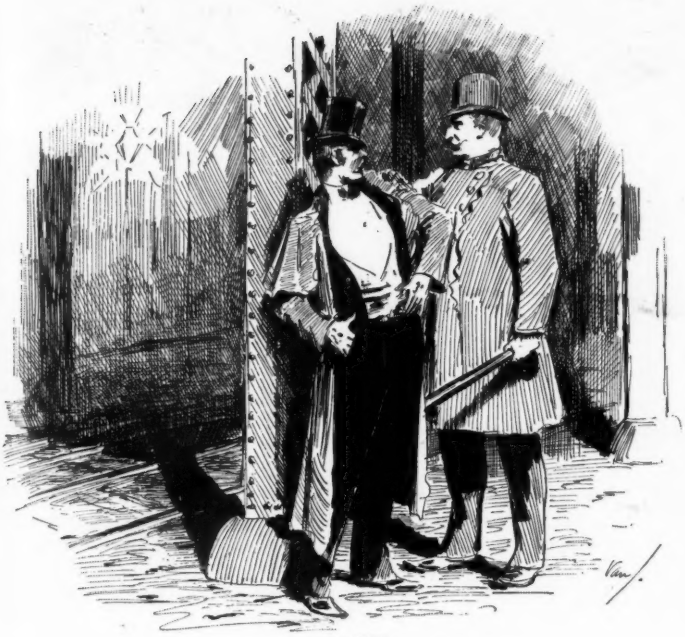
OF course it is easy to say that young ministers are not obliged to marry, and that devoted souls will choose the celibate state and adhere to it of their own accord without its being prescribed. Alas! it doesn't work that way. A nice young clergyman of good habits may not mean to get married, but unless he is set apart "by oaths and execrations" as something distinctly unmarriageable, there is only about one chance in a hundred that he will escape. He is the natural prey of nice young females with a prejudice against rum and an antipathy to tobacco. Unless perjury stares him in the face and iron-clad contracts compass him about, they are bound to land him.

If the General Assembly hesitates to go the whole hog and make vows of life-long celibacy a condition precedent to ordination, it may perhaps take it in a mitigated form. It might permit its ministers to marry after reaching the age of seventy, or on condition that they abandon the service, or to marry young women of independent fortunes. But the safest way is to make it for life. That would scare off the weaklings who enter the ministry because they couldn't make a living at anything else, and, besides, would secure to deserving young laymen many choice opportunities of marriage which otherwise would not come in their way.



HE COULD AFFORD TO WAIT.

Policeman (3 a. m.): COME, SIR, YOU MUST MOVE ON. YOU VE BEEN STANDING HERE AN HOUR.

Pompano (with dignity): KNOW IT—WAITIN' FOR CARZH.

Policeman: NO NIGHT CARS ON THIS LINE, SIR.

Pompano (with increasing dignity): WAITIN' FOR DAY CARZH; TIMESH NOZZIN TO ME.

(A) REPRESENTS A LAUNDRY CASHIER ABOUT TO MAKE A BANK DEPOSIT.
(B) IS HIS EMPLOYER, WHO HAS HEARD ABOUT ABSCONDING CLERKS AND CANADA.
The intelligent reader will observe he is making a remark to his clerk in his native tongue.

POEMS FOR THE PRACTICAL.

I.

"IT was the time when lilies blow
And clouds are brightest up in air,
Lord Ronald brought a lily-white doe
To give his cousin, Lady Clare."
The lily-white dough Lord Ronald brought,
She took to her virgin bower,
And let it bake as she had been taught,
For 'twas made of "Smith's Own" flour.

II.

"Maiden with the meek brown eyes,
In whose orbs a shadow lies,
Like the dusk in evening skies."
If you'd keep the smile of youth,
Go and see how Doctor Booth
Can make an artificial tooth.

III.

"I, too, have suffered, yet I know
She is not cold, though seeming so.
She is not cold, she is not light,
But our ignoble souls lack might."
She is not cold, I'll tell you why;
Because just now she's sitting by
A heater made by Green and White,
That burns all day and burns all night.

IV.

"My good blade carves the casques of men,
My tough lance thrusteth sure;
My strength is as the strength of ten,
Because my heart is pure."
My heart is pure, my mind is bright,
I dread no mortal ills,
Because I sleep ten hours at night
By aid of Brown's insomnia pills.

K. W. Rider.

IN THE WAY.

"NOW, then, gentlemen," said a Harlem real-estate dealer to a party on the corner, "you'll have to move on. You might stand on the opposite corner."

"What are you going to do?" asked one of the men."

"We're going to run up a ten-story flat-house, and we've no time to lose."

A BOY WHO READS THE PAPERS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER: Who were Ananias and Sapphira?

LITTLE SCHOLAR: Dey was editors.

TEACHER: Editors?

LITTLE SCHOLAR: Yes'm; dey was struck dead for bein' liars!

CAN NEVER AGREE.

THE maid you meet in Fashion's whirl,
That you'd ne'er try to woo,
Is just the very kind of girl
Your mother picks for you.

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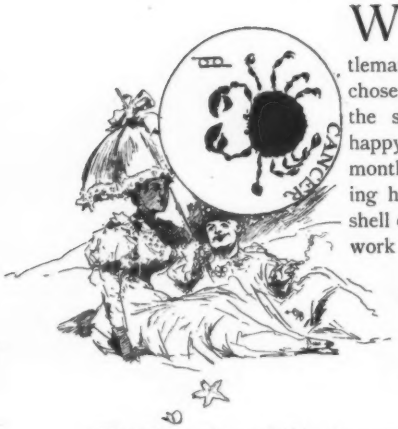

WITH a discrimination rare to astronomers, the gentleman who invented the Zodiac chose Cancer, or The Crab, as the sign of June. It was a happy thought to label so the month when the oyster is enjoying his vacation, and the soft-shell crab is getting in his best work in the interest of the restaurant-keepers and to the depletion of the purse of the young man who buys occasional nourishment for his best girl.

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ONE block on Fifth Avenue is likely to lose its good reputation. The New York Club is already on one of its corners, the Manhattan Club is likely to locate on the other, and between them they will have Ortgies.

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THERE is one good thing about New York's Irishmen. They are so busy filling political offices and squabbling over the vacancies that they haven't time to be butchering each other after the manner of their Chicago compatriots.

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WHEN doctors disagree the result is usually a benefit, but it is difficult to see what good is to come from the disagreement between Dr. Chauncey Depew, the orator, and Dr. Towne, the provider of solid facts. In fact there is a distinct loss. Hereafter, the genial and popular gentleman whose name has become a household word in every editorial room in the country, can never introduce anything but the airiest persiflage into his speeches without some hypercritical person's wondering who supplied him with his information.

WE have already mentioned in these columns the Welch Memorial Fund, to which many readers of LIFE have since contributed. We are happy to say that several thousand dollars have been received by those in charge, and it is to be hoped there are many more to come. Mr. Welch was a constant contributor to the columns of LIFE, and to several other papers, dictating jokes, conversations, and humorous paragraphs to his wife almost to the hour of his death. He was a hero in the best meaning of the word, and maintained to the last a cheerful spirit. Prostrated with a painful and incurable disease, he worked with restless energy during the many weary months preceding his death, that his wife and four little children might not be dependent upon others. The object of the fund is the education of these little ones. Subscriptions of any amount will be welcome, and may be sent to Mr. Edward P. Clark, editorial rooms of the *Evening Post*, New York.

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Esquimau Lover: AH! THE FALSE ONE! IN THE ARMS OF ANOTHER! I WILL FLY ERE THIS PASSION OF JEALOUSY GOADS ME TO VIOLENCE.

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IN response to inquiries, candor has compelled Col. Eugene Field to admit not only that Mrs. Wheeler-Wilcox is not a typical Western woman, but that she has hoed her row in the West.

The significance of having hoed one's row is a little obscure, but, all the same, candor will compel Colonel Field to wear a wig yet, "ef he don't watch out!"

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GEORGE HENRY CALVERT, late of Newport, was the great-grandson of Lord Baltimore, and yet General Harrison left him to perish without an office.

Mr. Jonathan Trump: YOU ARE CHARMING TO-NIGHT.
Miss Penelope Peachblow: INDEED? WHAT NICE THINGS YOU MEN SAY! MR. BROWN JUST TOLD ME THE SAME THING.
Mr. Jonathan Trump (anxious to depreciate his rival): OF COURSE YOU DON'T BELIEVE HE MEANT IT!

A STAIR UNSEEN.

A STAIR unseen, while far below
The dancers circle to and fro;
Those myriad charms of beauties bright,
The waltz, the music, I could quite
For these few moments, love, forego.

'Tis quite deserted, none will know
The slight caress that I bestow,
So far removed from prying sight,
A stair unseen.

But as I whisper words quite low,
What noise floats down? It is, oh, woe!
The sounds, suppressed, of laughter light,
And tread of feet in hurried flight.
They have enjoyed, as these sounds show,
A stare unseen.

H. E. Millholen.

"DUN IN COLOR."

"TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?"

BOOKISHNESS

THE STORY OF TWO IDEALISTS.

THERE is rare pleasure in store for certain reflective people who may read "The Story of William and Lucy Smith" (Houghton), which has been edited by George S. Merriam. William Smith has been dead for seventeen years, and his wife for eight; and their writings are practically unknown. Yet the story of their lives is full of charm and beauty, and reveals them as people of exquisite qualities of mind and heart.

What the world has known, if it had curiosity, is that William Smith was an English thinker and critic who was born in 1808 and died in 1872, having written, for more than thirty years, unsigned articles of great merit for *Blackwood's*, and two strange books of philosophical reverie, called *Thorndale* and *Gravenhurst*. When he died, *Blackwood's* said of him: "No better type could be found of the true man of letters, the student, scholar, and critic of our days; that charm of culture which, next to genius, is almost the most delightful of mental conditions, was his in an eminent degree."

And the world might also have known that Lucy Cumming Smith, his wife, was a bright, clever woman who made translations, verses, and occasionally stories, for which she apparently cared less than the public that soon forgot them.

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BUT this volume shows us people of infinitely greater worth than the works which they left behind them. It is the story of two idealists who lived beautiful lives, who fell in love with each other in middle life, who married when one was forty and the other fifty, and for ten years were supremely happy together without wealth or fame. When death ended the union, the widow lived out her years, with memory and hope as constant companions to recall his image and perpetuate his virtues.

The remarkable thing about William and Lucy Smith is that, while both were sensitive souls, with the hearts of poets and children, they still (contrary to the theory that for the man or woman who feels, existence is an increasing pain) found a perpetual joy in living, even in old age as in youth.

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HERE was a man who was from his youth pondering over the deepest problems of philosophy, and working his way from belief to doubt, denial, and agnosticism. He was almost a recluse, who gave up the opportunities of life, saw himself passed by his inferiors, missed fame and fortune, and yet was, in the words of his wife, "cheerful beyond anyone I knew, or, at least, cheerful with a kind of cheerfulness I have never known—something akin to morning sunlight, the soaring songs of larks, the sportiveness of young woodland creatures."

In the bent of his mind, his fine culture, his extreme sensitiveness, he was strangely like Amiel, and yet the latter found life an exquisite torture.

TO be perfectly frank, we care very little for William Smith's philosophy as expounded by Mr. Merriam. He was, no doubt, a thinker of acuteness and profundity; but his interest for us is in the fact that he lived an idyllic life—which was manly, honest, and intensely sincere.

And we care little for Lucy Smith's poetry (as little as she cared for it herself). The significant thing is that she could marry an idealist and not make him miserable. More than that, she was a woman of infinite fancy and variety, with a genius for friendship and a capacity for not disappointing her admirers. One expects affection in a woman, but this woman was intelligently affectionate, which is a rarer quality.

Droch.

NEW BOOKS

THE DEVIL AND I. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

The Fall of Kilman Kon. By Arthur Cummings. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

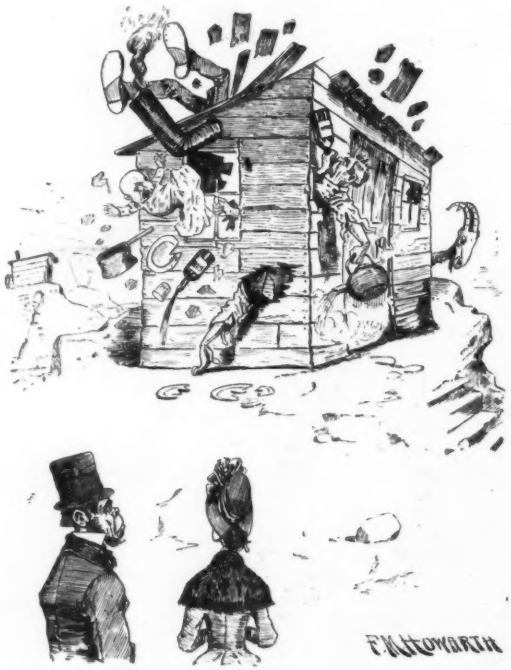
Knickerbocker Nuggets. Wit and Wisdom of Sydney Smith. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Knickerbocker Nuggets. Essays by De Quincey. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Parliamentary Procedure. By George Glover Crocker. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Far Away and Long Ago. By Mrs. F. A. Kemble. New York: Henry Holt & Co.

A Book of Verses. Second Edition. By William Ernest Henley. New York: Scribner & Welford.



AT McCLINCHY'S CHRISTENING.

Mr. Casey: ACH, BEGORRA! IF THAT AIN'T TH' DIVIL'S OWN MANE THRICK! THEY'VE STARTED TH' FISTIVITIES, NORA, WIDOUT WAITIN' FER US; AN' ME AS WAS GOIN' TO ACT AS A GOD-FATHER, TOO!

ONE OF THE REASONS WHY HORSES SHY IN CENTRAL PARK.

ELIGIBILITY.

"BUT, MY DEAR, WHAT HAS THAT OLD MAN TO RECOMMEND HIMSELF ASIDE FROM HIS RICHES?" "HEART DISEASE."

TOMBSTONE SOCIETY.

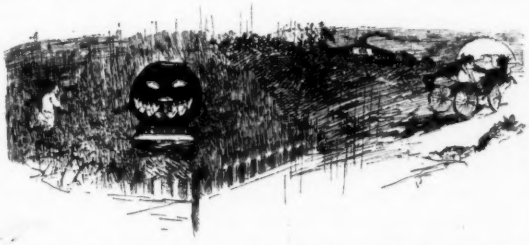
(*Special Correspondence*)

BLINKEY HARDING has been elected captain of the vigilantes. This saves him from any trouble he might have had on account of the killing of that New York dude. The fact that the sight of the dude made Blinkey ill would really not have substantiated the plea of self-defense. We congratulate you, Blinkey.

IT is announced that the Widow McKee is to marry Bigfoot Thompson in the early spring. We understand that Thompson owes the widow four dollars and a half for two years' washing, and the little difficulty is to be arranged in this pleasant way. If all the boys would come to time like this there wouldn't be an unmarried woman left in town.

NOSEY TOLLIVER was married a week ago to one of the Smith girls—the squint-eyed one. The notice in the paper contained the singular announcement, "No cards." We suppose it meant that Nosey has given up poker. If such be the case, there are a number of gentlemen in Tombstone who will breathe more freely, as Nosey was a bluffer from Bluffalo, and could draw to a door-mat and catch a cottage at Newport. But marriage will never be popularized in Tombstone in any such manner as that.

THERE has been considerable trouble in Tombstone society over the leadership of the May-day german at Old-man Skinner's. Bill Johnson and Mogollon Tim were fierce rivals for the honor. Each claimed to be authority as to who should attend, and each made out a list containing the names of every man in town who owned a boiled shirt and a paper collar, with the exception of his rival. Very naturally Old-man Skinner was somewhat disturbed at the notoriety the affair caused. The old man has always claimed that any one who was gentleman enough to know rye whisky from red paint was good enough to be tendered the hospitalities of his domestic circle, so he quietly and unostentatiously settled the matter by shooting Bill last Tuesday morning and Tim that afternoon. We are glad the matter was so amicably settled. It is not known whether there was any further difficulty between the two as to which should take precedence ascending the golden stair. *Tom Hall.*



TO BRIGHTEN HIM UP.

SATAN (*shying a paving-stone at his private secretary*) Nero, I haven't felt so dull since Lent was over. Quick, tell me something to do!

NERO (*dodging the resolution*): Suppose you go and see how the new ministers get on in Europe.

SATAN (*with one of his copyright grins*): Ah, ha! We will!

AMONG T FOU

MR. MOSES LICHTENSTEIN, HIS WIFE AND SON, WITH A F IENDS

ONG T FOUR HUNDRED.

ITH A F IENDS, GO TO THE MEET OF THE MEADOW BROOK HUNT CLUB.

SPORT

MR. SULLIVAN'S PREPARATION.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Esquire, a leading exponent of Boston culture, and Mr. Jacob Kilrain, of Baltimore, will meet some time this month, presumably in the vicinity of New Orleans, to indulge in a conclusive argument on certain points which have never yet been settled to the satisfaction of the world at large. Mr. Sullivan has retired to a quiet, sylvan retreat in the western part of New York to prepare himself for the discussion, and we feel sure we are gratifying only a natural curiosity on the part of our readers when we inform them how he passes his time. The days are all spent according to the following schedule:

6 A. M. Family prayers.
6.15. Gathering the daily supply of buttercups and daisies.
6.45. Breakfast.
7.30. Milking the cows and hunting eggs.
8.15. Talking against an echo.
10.45. Discussions *à la* Socrates.
11.45. Conversation with a disconnected telephone.
12.30. Lessons from the Woman with the Iron Jaw.
1 P. M. Dinner.
1.45. Practice in writing challenges and defiances.
2.30. Exercise at the churn.
2.45. Study of chapter on "Fouls" in London Prize Ring Rules.
3.15. Reading aloud from the works of George Eliot and Robert Browning.
3.30. Practice in finding reasons for not fighting.
4.30. Reception of visiting newspaper men, and explanation to them of how long it will take to annihilate Mr. Kilrain.
5.30. Sparring and wrestling.
5.45. Sherry and egg.
6.00. Supper.
7.00. Five-cent ante, quarter limit.
11.30. (Unless there is an undecided jack-pot) Bed.

Metcalfe.

IT is announced that Miss Victoria Vokes, spurred to the enterprise by the recent successes of her sister, is coming to this country as a star. It is possible that she will be able to parallel the artistic and financial triumphs of Miss Rosina Vokes, but it is more than doubtful. Even in the old days, when the entire family played together, Rosina was more than half the performance, and her *Barbara* in "The Belles of the Kitchen" is still a cherished recollection among theatre-goers. More than this, in her new career as a star, Rosina Vokes has given us what is to the public of to-day a practically new kind of entertainment. Even if Victoria Vokes provides a similar and equally good collection of parlor sketches, they will lack the novelty of the delicious dramatic tit-bits which her sister gives us.

PROSPERITY BRINGS ITS WOES.

THE WIDOW STARVELEY: I can't see, Mr. Houlihan, why you can't wait a couple of days for my rent. The papers say you sympathize with the poor of Ireland.

HOULIHAN: Huh! Do yez suppose that the people av this great, proshperous counthry are to be treated on the same basis as the down-trodden Oirish?

AN UP-HILL STRUGGLE.

FIRST ORGAN-GRINDER: Ah, Signore, how you getta long, eh?

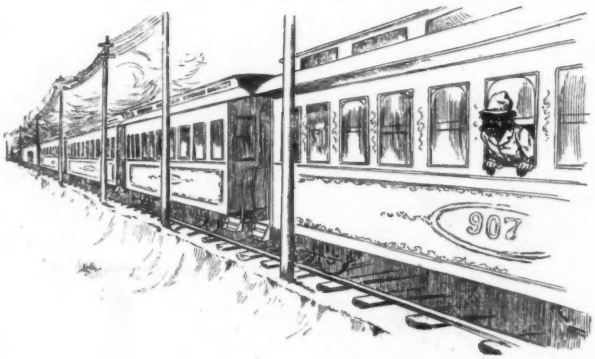
SECOND ORGAN-GRINDER: Vara bad! I beginna to-day ze tens scena of ze second part of ze "Nibelunga"—what you calla? I break already fife barrel and killa two monk; but ze people will have ze dama Vagna, basta!"

WHEN THEY DO IT.

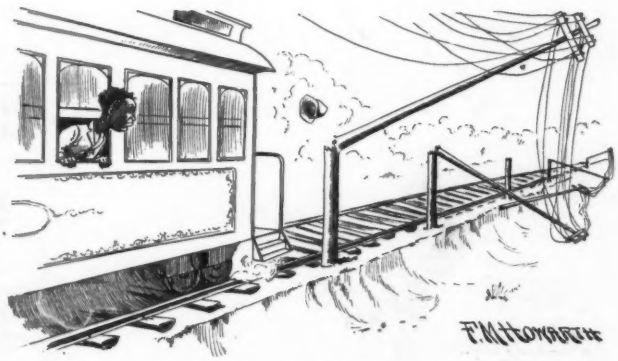
QUAVER: I wonder when these street bands get the chance to practice together, since their members, I am told, have other occupation during the day.

SURETOANE (*covering his ears*): Now!

ANOTHER BLOW AT A GRINDING MONOPOLY.



"DIS ERE SCENERY AM BERRY FINE."



"WELL, DAT'S WOT DEY GIT FO' PUTTIN' DEM TELEGRAPH POLES SO NEAR DE TRACK."

PROBABLY CLIMATIC.

Jones (of Boston): YOU SAY YOU HAVE SEEN NOTHING BUT HOMELY GIRLS SINCE YOU CAME TO BOSTON. LOOK AT THAT ONE.
Smith (of Gotham): YES, SHE'S NOT HOMELY; BUT SHE CAME ON THE TRAIN WITH ME FROM NEW YORK.

HELP FOR THE FRIENDLESS.

JAWKINS: I can't see, madame, why you wish me to sign this petition. The prisoner is nothing but a common thief, and doesn't deserve pardon.

MRS. P.: You wrong him, sir; he belongs to a most respectable family. His father was Grindem, the great wholesale grocer.

JAWKINS (*with recollections*): Oh—um! The fellow who failed for a million. Well, I'll sign it. If the old man's at liberty, surely *he* should be.

CONCERNING A VACANT FIELD.

We have a swarm of great American humorists; but how are we to account for the fact that there is not a female humorist among them?—*The Sun.*

Feminine life is not yet free enough for the evolution of female humorists. Occasionally a woman has the sense of humor, but she is not permitted to engraft upon it that large human experience, including some experience of crime, which is the privilege of the male. It has been found necessary to limit the privileges of women so that the manners of little children, who are prone to associate with them, may not be contaminated.

A SPRING FRESHET.

Boy: SAY, MISSUS JACKSING, MY OLE WOMAN SAYS AS WILL YO' LEND HER YO' GUM OBERSHOES FO' 'BOUT HALF AN HOUR; SHE WANTS TER GO DOWN TER DE STORE.

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THE naked hills lie wanton to the breeze;
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Bare are the shivering limbs of shameless trees;
What wonder is it that the corn is shocked?
—*Saturday Evening Gazette.*

IT has pained us much to note that certain of our contemporaries speak in a somewhat uncomplimentary tone of Queen Victoria's economy. They seem to forget that her gracious Majesty has a large family.—*Philadelphia Call.*

BIBLICAL INFORMATION: Sunday school teacher—"We are told here that the prophet rent his clothes. Why did he do that?"

TOMMY SPAULDING: P'raps he couldn't afford to buy 'em."—*Pittsburgh Chronicle.*

IT is better to give than receive—when the gift is a cheap cigar.—*Burlington Free Press.*

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CORA: What induced you to tell Mr. Merritt I went to the party last night with George?

LITTLE JOHNNIE: A quarter.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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PRIVATE T. ATKINS: Young girls is well enough, sor, but I likes my dinner 'ot, and I noticed Private Malone always 'ad 'is dinner 'ot, so I 'opes as you'll give me lave, sor.—*London Judy.*

SALESMAN (*in clothing store*): The gentleman who ordered the check suit this mornig has sent it back.

PROPRIETOR: What's the matter?

SALESMAN: Says he doesn't know the house, and prefers not to take so large a check unless it is certified.—*Detroit Free Press.*

WE weren't there, but we never had reason to doubt the veracity of the gentleman who informs us that Senator Sawyer the other day witnessed for the first time in his life a game of baseball as played by professionals. At one point in the game the man at the bat knocked the ball away over the heads of the outfielders, and the crowd cheered until Senator Sawyer felt the warmth of enthusiasm rising in his own bosom.

"That's too bad," he finally said to the gentleman beside him.

"What's too bad?"

"Why, it's too bad they didn't have a man there to catch that ball. By George," said the Senator warmly, "if I were manager of that club I'd put three more men out there in the field if it cost $2,500 a year."—*Washington Post.*

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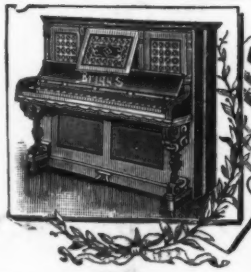

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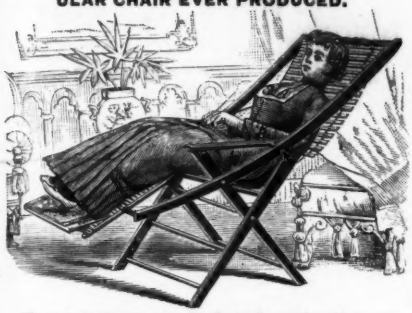

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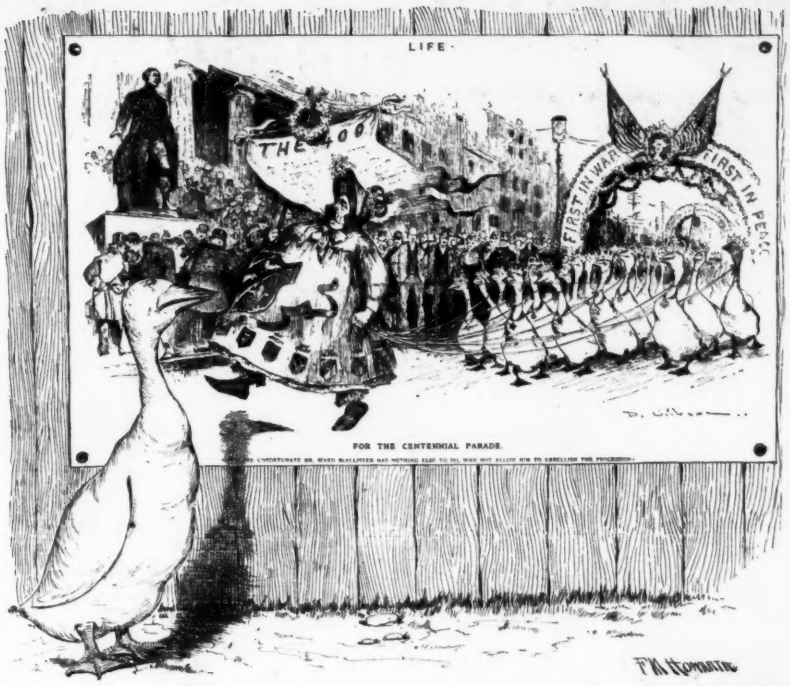

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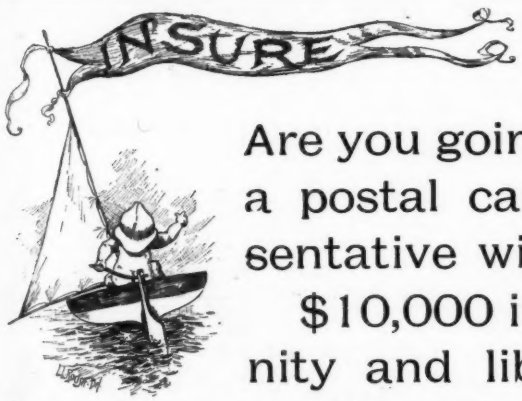

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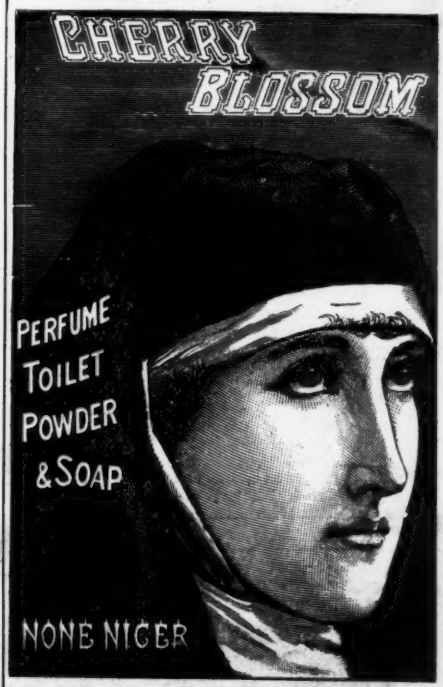

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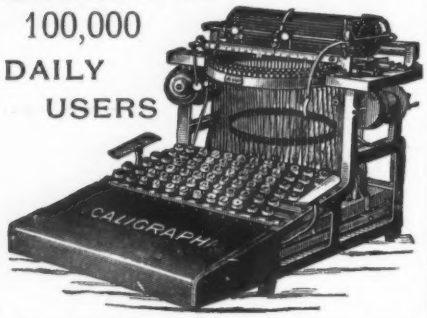

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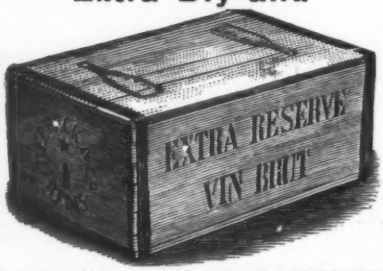

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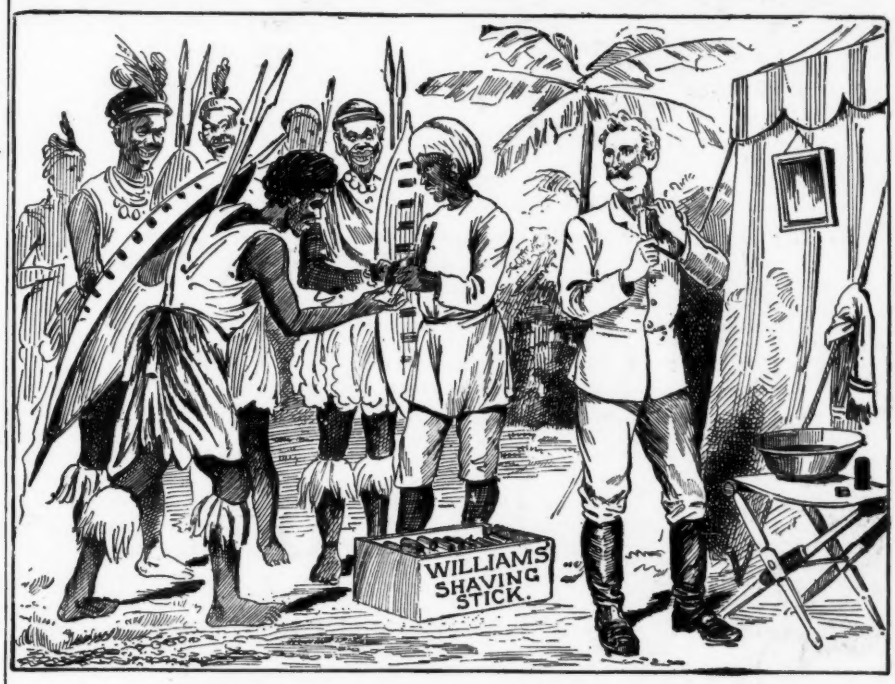

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ASSETS, - -	$95,042,922.96
LIABILITIES, 4%,	$74,248,207.81
SURPLUS, - -	$20,794,715.15
NEW ASSURANCE,	$153,933,535.00
OUTSTANDING ASSURANCE,	$549,216,126.00
INCOME, - -	$26,958,977.59
SURPLUS EARNED IN 1888,	$5,067,123.68
PERCENTAGE OF ASSETS TO LIABILITIES,	128
INCREASE IN SURPLUS, -	$2,690,460.30
INCREASE IN INCOME, -	$3,718,128.30
INCREASE IN ASSETS, -	$10,664,018.11